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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 7557

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TH

SUBJ: RAMASUN GATE INCIDENT

REF: BANGKOK 7048

1. BANGKOK ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS MORNING APRIL 26
REPORTS LUACHAI JITPAKDEE HAS COME TO BANGKOK, CON-
FERRED WITH STUDENT LEADERS, AND HELD PRESS CONFIERENCE.
ACCORDING TO BANGKOK POST, LUACHAI, UNDER PRESSURE
OF PUBLIC DISAPPROVAL IN UDORN, REPUDIATED AGREEMENT
TO DROP CASE AND IS DETERMINED TO PRESS FOR PROSECUTION
AND JAILING OF FOUR U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AT RAMASUN
STATION. BANGKOK NATION, ON OTHER HAND, SAYS
MERELY THAT LUACHAI EXPLAINED WHY HE HAD DROPPED
CHARGES AGAINST U.S. PERSONNEL.

2. PREVIOUS EVENING, APRIL 25, CHARGE DISCUSSED
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LUACHAI CASE DURING CALL OF FOREIGN MINISTER

CHATCHAI. PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY MFA PHAEN, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SAID THAT ON BASIS OF EARLIER CONTACT FROM EMBASSY REPORTING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES IN CLOSING OF POLICE INVESTIGATION OF CASE, HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY WINYU OF INTERIOR MINISTRY. WINYI IN TURN HAD TALKED WITH UDORN GOVERNOR ANEK. ANEK CONTEMPLATED POSSIBLE SCENARIO IN WHICH POLICE WOULD SCHEDULE HEARING AT WHICH LUACHAI WOULD FAIL TO APPEAR, WHEREUPON POLICE WOULD CLOSE BOOKS ON CASE IN ABSENCE OF KEY WITNESS. ANEK WAS UNWILLING TO SAY MUCH ABOUT CASE, BUT IMPLIED THAT MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED QUIETLY.

3. COMMENT: REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER LUACHAI'S LATEST CAPER WILL COMPLICATE CLOSING OF POLICE CASE, WHICH GOVERNOR HAD PERSONALLY GUARANTEED WOULD BE DONE AT TIME SETTLEMENT WITH LUACHAI WAS REACHED. PENDING RESOLUTION OF THIS, DELIVERY OF NOTE FORMALLY WAIVING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY POSTPONED, ALTHOUGH WE SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESSFULLY INVOKING DI IN THIS CASE, NOR WOULD IT SERVE U.S. INTERESTS TO DO SO. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO GET RTG TO LAY THIS CASE TO REST.
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